

Appl. No. 10/709,802
Response Dated July 19, 2006
Reply to Office Action Dated April 21, 2006

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The present application includes claims 1–36. In the current Office Action, claims 1–30 are allowed, claims 31–35 are rejected, and claim 36 is objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim. In this response, claim 31 is amended to include the limitations in claim 36. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1–35 are respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Objections to the Specification

Page 1 of the specification was objected to because the title of the invention should not appear in brackets and because the recitation “Description” should be deleted. In response, as shown above, the Applicant amends the title of the invention so that it is not enclosed in brackets. No new matter has been added.

The Applicant electronically filed this application, and the Applicant’s copy does not include any recitation of “Description” on page 1. However, to the extent that such a recitation does appear in the official version at the Patent and Trademark Office, the Applicant hereby authorizes its deletion.

The Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection to the specification.

Objections to the Claims

Claims 31–36 were objected to because the recitation “pressure sensor” in claim 31 lacks proper antecedent basis. Claim 31 has been amended to correct this informality. No new matter has been added. Withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

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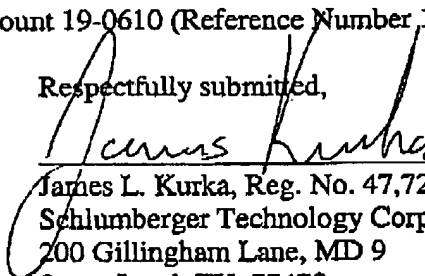
Rejections under 35 U.S.C § 102(e)

Claims 31-35 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,856,255 issued to Chalitsios, *et al.* ("Chalitsios"). In response, the Applicant has amended claim 31 to include the limitations in claim 36, which the Examiner indicated was directed to allowable subject matter. Thus, claim 31, as amended, is believed to be allowable. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Applicant believes this reply to be fully responsive to all outstanding issues and place this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered or any credits, to Deposit Account 19-0610 (Reference Number 19.0350).

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